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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Date

11/8/2022

2. Department

California Energy Commission

3. Organizational Placement (Division/Branch/Office Name)

Reliability, Renewable Energy & Decarbonization Incentives Division

4. CEA Position Title

Deputy Director of Building Decarbonization

5. Summary of proposed position description and how it relates to the program's mission or purpose.
(2-3 sentences)

Under the general direction of the Director of the Reliability, Renewable Energy & Decarbonization Incentives (RREDI) Division, this CEA (Deputy Director) provides leadership and management direction in the development and deployment of building decarbonization technologies to spur market adoption and transformation. This position will operate under the oversight and general direction of the Director, and will provide high-level policy and administrative support on a range of complex energy issues relating to building decarbonization, including energy efficiency, greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction, water efficiency, indoor air quality, energy equity, and related topics to market integration and deployment. The Deputy Director will support all aspects of division's responsibilities in this area, including leading engagement with internal and external stakeholders, and providing oversight of branch managers, supervisors, and staff in support of technical work products and administrative functions.

6. Reports to: (Class Title/Level)

Director of Reliability, Renewable Energy & Decarbonization Incentives (RREDI) Division, CEA Level B

7. Relationship with Department Director (Select one)

- ☒ Member of department's Executive Management Team, and has frequent contact with director on a wide range of department-wide issues.
- ☐ Not a member of department's Executive Management Team but has frequent contact with the Executive Management Team on policy issues.

(Explain):

8. Organizational Level (Select one)

- ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☒ 4th ☐ 5th (mega departments only - 17,001+ allocated positions)

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

9. What are the duties and responsibilities of the CEA position? Be specific and provide examples.

Under the general direction of the Director of the Reliability, Renewable Energy & Decarbonization Incentives (RREDI) Division, this CEA (Deputy Director) provides leadership and management direction and policy recommendations in the promotion of building decarbonization, energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and advancing energy equity in new and existing buildings.

This CEA position will provide leadership, managerial oversight and strategic policy over three branches: 1. The Building Decarbonization Branch (Senate Bill 33 (Ting, 2021); Senate Bill 1477 (Stern, 2018); Assembly Bill 137 (Ting, 2021)); 2. The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Branch (Assembly Bill 841, Budget Act, 2020) and; 3. The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Branch (Assembly Bill 209, Budget Act, 2022 and the Federal Inflation Reduction Act). These branches develop and implement programs totaling over \$2 billion in state and federal funding to achieve the State's goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving new and existing buildings. The Deputy Director functions as an extension of the Director, advising and collaborating with the Director on building decarbonization policies and strategies -- including energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reduction, water efficiency, indoor air quality, grid reliability support, and energy equity -- and how to best spur the deployment, market adoption and integration of new technologies to effectuate the State's policy goals.

The Deputy Director will support all aspects of division's responsibilities in this area, including leading engagement with internal and external stakeholders, and providing oversight of branch managers, supervisors, and staff in support of technical work products and administrative functions, energy efficiency and grid reliability, investment strategy, and complex energy sector technology and policy matters related to building decarbonization.

The Deputy Director will also lead the development and implementation of Division policies and administrative activities, including: managing the Division budget, work plans, and processes; assessing and supporting staff activities and performance; and overseeing Division activities related to building decarbonization. The Deputy Director may perform the functions of the Director in the Director's absence.

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST (continued)

10. How critical is the program's mission or purpose to the department's mission as a whole? Include a description of the degree to which the program is critical to the department's mission.

- ☒ Program is directly related to department's primary mission and is critical to achieving the department's goals.
- ☐ Program is indirectly related to department's primary mission.
- ☐ Program plays a supporting role in achieving department's mission (i.e., budget, personnel, other admin functions).

Description: The Energy Commission's primary mission the past 40 years has been advancing energy efficiency strategies, with more recent focus on building decarbonization. The Energy Commission established targets to achieve a statewide, cumulative doubling of energy efficiency savings by 2030. To ensure that all Californians are included, the Energy Commission is working to address barriers low-income and disadvantaged communities encounter in benefiting from energy efficiency measures promoting energy equity.

This CEA position will provide leadership, managerial oversight and strategic policy direction over three branches: 1. The Building Decarbonization Branch; 2.The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Branch and; 3.The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Branch. These branches design and implement programs incentivizing the deployment of decarbonization technologies, including clean energy retrofits at existing buildings, the construction of new market rate residential buildings as all-electric buildings with energy storage systems, new all-electric low income housing, federal incentives, and decarbonization of existing buildings benefiting disadvantaged communities and low to moderate income households while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In summation, these branches design and deploy programs directly related and critical to achieving the department's mission to advance energy efficiency strategies, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote energy equity, sitting at the intersection or next of policy and market transformation.

B. SUMMARY OF REQUEST (continued)

11. Describe what has changed that makes this request necessary. Explain how the change justifies the current request. Be specific and provide examples.

California's overall energy budget increased significantly and includes an additional \$8.1 billion to support energy reliability, relief, and clean energy investments. In the past 12 months, California has enacted the nation's most aggressive energy and climate change mitigation measures in history. This bold action requires extensive coordination, collaboration and partnership across regulatory agencies (including CPUC, CARB, and utilities, private stakeholders, building experts, among others. To design, implement and administer programs that are effective and achieve envisioned outcomes, division program managers require a detailed knowledge of regulatory processes and existing rules governing the state's utilities and community choice aggregators. This includes knowledge of the rule-making, rate-making and rate-setting processes, demand response proceedings, and accounting. Also, familiarity with procedures of conducting hearings before the Energy Commission and other regulatory agencies.

The skills, abilities, knowledge, and experience at the CEA level is critical to advancing these objectives to meet these critical energy and climate goals of the State of California.

This workload will continue to increase as the state moves toward 100 percent clean energy resources by 2045.

C. ROLE IN POLICY INFLUENCE

12. Provide 3-5 specific examples of policy areas over which the CEA position will be the principle policy maker. Each example should cite a policy that would have an identifiable impact. Include a description of the statewide impact of the assigned program.

This position will provide leadership and managerial direction for analysis and deliverables requiring a broad policy perspective and a high degree of political sensitivity in the advancement of building decarbonization, energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the promotion of energy equity in new and existing building.

This CEA will be responsible for formulating, reviewing, and implementing policies, regulations, and procedures related to the areas listed above, and the specific policies related to designing and deploying innovative strategies to transform and accelerate adoption and market transformation of energy efficiency and decarbonization efforts for new and existing buildings. Provide support and leadership for division and special projects such as policy to ensure market adoption and acceleration, and legislation review that involve inter-office and inter-divisional and inter agency coordination and may require a timely response to Commissioners, the Legislature or Governor.

This position will have decision-making authority within the technical subject areas overseen by three branches of the RREDI Division, with division director oversight, and in consultation with statewide policymakers, like state and federal agencies and a broad range of industry stakeholders. A description of the Legislative intent, authority, and policy relevant the the three branches include: 1) The Building Decarbonization Branch (Senate Bill 33 (Ting, 2021); Senate Bill 1477 (Stern, 2018); Assembly Bill 137 (Ting, 2021)); 2.The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Branch (Assembly Bill 841 (Budget Act, 2020) and Assembly Bill 209 (Budget Act, 2022)); and 3.The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Branch (Assembly Bill 209, Budget Act, 2022 and the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)).

C. ROLE IN POLICY INFLUENCE (continued)

13. What is the CEA position's scope and nature of decision-making authority?

This CEA-(Deputy Director) provides leadership, management direction and policy guidance in the promotion of advancing building decarbonization, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and the advancement of energy equity across multiple building sectors (residential, schools, and public building) of new and existing building through the implementation of incentive programs to spur market adoption. Incentives are designed to decarbonize existing and new buildings, lower energy costs, support grid reliability, improve building indoor air quality and improve water efficiency.

The nature of decision-making authority includes the policy, technical and administrative subject areas overseen by three branches 1) The Building Decarbonization Branch (Senate Bill 33 (Ting, 2021); Senate Bill 1477 (Stern, 2018); Assembly Bill 137 (Ting, 2021)); 2.The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Branch (Assembly Bill 841 (Budget Act, 2020) and Assembly Bill 209 (Budget Act, 2022)); and 3.The Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Branch (Assembly Bill 209, Budget Act, 2022 and the Federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)) with division director oversight, and in consultation with the Commissioners of the Energy Commission, statewide legislators and policymakers and broad range of stakeholders.

14. Will the CEA position be developing and implementing new policy, or interpreting and implementing existing policy? How?

The CEA will be both developing and implementing new policy and interpreting and implementing existing policy in managing Division policies, programs, and projects.

The CEA will Lead the development and implementation of Division policies and administrative activities, including: managing the Division budget, work plans, and processes; assessing and supporting staff activities and performance; and overseeing the Divisions activities related to technology transfer and quantification and communication of program benefits.